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Commissioner Michael J. Copps  
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Please, remember your charter from the United States Congress and stop spending your time and our money protecting billionaire boys club members while you ignore the abuses of the P-U-B-L-I-C airwaves!

Enough is enough! No more 'protection' of the corporate citizens at the expense of the actual human beings who pay for your salary, your enforcement acts and soon, give up any access at all to the very public spectrum you are charged to protect.

Remember the public. We, alone, own the airwaves, own the cable rights-of-way, own the satellite links, and we, alone, are the true clients of the FCC.

Sincerely,

Michael Charles Miller

November 2, 2003

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As an aspiring screenwriter and movie producer, this directly impacts my business. Open source software is more reliable and friendlier to my wallet and I find it quite offensive that I may be bullied into spending more money on software that does less. Worse, the broadcast flag may well help Microsoft continue their de facto monopoly position, which is certainly not in the best interests of a sizeable proportion of computer users.

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Dear FCC,

The Universal Studios vs. BetaMax lawsuit dictated that just because it is possible to infringe copyrights with a device did not call for an outright ban of that technology. VCR's revolutionized the way americans watch TV and enhance our life. With busy life styles it becomes impossible to imagine laws and regulations on time-shifting. My faith in lawmaking bodies is very faint. Prove me wrong. Thanks for your time.

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Sincerely,

Robert Kroker

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That wouldn't be nice!!

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NOT ONLY THAT, but when GOVERNMENT begins restricting the rights of their constituents, we move from being a free society to being an unfree one. Just because businesses want it, does not meant that it is a good idea. Thank you.

~ Michael D. Stemle, Jr.

Sincerely,

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Commissioner Michael J. Copps  
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Dear Commissioner Michael J. Copps:

Thousands of American consumers have already expressed their opposition to the FCC's adoption of a "broadcast flag". I am writing to join them. As a user of open-source software, adoption of the broadcast flag will mean I am unable to receive digital television broadcasts on my computer.

Adopting the broadcast flag will make the FCC stand for "Federal Computer Control" which is outside its proper role. It is not the FCC's place to effectively choose the software licenses or computer operating systems that consumers must use in order to watch digital television broadcast on their computers.

Additionally, adoption of the broadcast flag will harm innovation. Many users of open-source software are computer programmers and "tinkerers" who work to improve the software. Their contributions and constant innovation is what makes open-source software able to compete in the marketplace.

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Dear Michael Copps,

I am writing to voice my opposition to any FCC-mandated adoption of "broadcast flag" technology for digital television. As a consumer and citizen, I feel strongly that such a policy would be bad for innovation, consumer rights, and the ultimate adoption of DTV.

A robust, competitive market for consumer electronics must be rooted in manufacturers' ability to innovate for their customers. Allowing movie studios to veto features of DTV-reception equipment will enable the studios to tell technologists what new products they can create. This will result in products that don't necessarily reflect what consumers like me actually want, and it could result in me being charged more money for inferior functionality.

If the FCC issues a broadcast flag mandate, I would actually be less likely to make an investment in DTV-capable receivers and other equipment. I will not pay more for devices that limit my rights at the behest of Hollywood. Please do not mandate broadcast flag technology for digital television. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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